

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph that begins on page 5, line 18, with the following paragraph:

Figure 3 presents an exploded perspective view of the embodiment of Figure 2, with Figure 4 presenting an exploded cross-sectional view of the filter of Figures 2 and 3. The can-like housing 30 in this embodiment has an internally threaded region 42 adjacent its open top, with a top land 44 which, as shall subsequently be seen, provides a cylindrical sealing surface for an o-ring seal on the top cap, generally indicated by the numeral 46. The can-like housing 30 in this embodiment also has a raised center region 46 at the bottom thereof that receives and holds concentric a seal plate 48. Alternatively, the seal plate 48 could locate on its outer diameter 50 on the inner periphery ~~52~~51 of the can-like housing 30.